security was a most important thing, as on it hinged everything, and this was a measure essential to security.

(iv) There were some baneful customs which might be investigated. He observed that the mortality was very heavy among particular classes which needed investigation.

He mentioned the instance of a particular village, *Kenchammana Hoskote*, which was once in a flourishing condition and now contained only 25 men and 60 women.

6. *Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao* observed that serfdom prevailed only among paddy cultivators and that unless a more lucrative occupation was created it would not disappear. As regards coffee estates, he said serfdom did not exist there but that on the contrary the planters paid high wages amounting to Rs. 7½ per man.

7. *Mr. Shroff Shama Rao* said that sickness was the cause of decline in the Malnad.

8. *Mr. Malali Venkataramaiya* said that

(i) The advance system was the cause of decline; and

(ii) Quinine distribution was very efficacious and might be undertaken on a larger scale.

9. *Mr. Vàmana Rao* observed that the system of consulting astrologers and sooth-sayers (ಕಣಿ ಕೇಳುವುದು) in preference to doctors was the cause of the decline and stated that the Taluk Conference held at Nagar had made certain recommendations.

10. *Mr. Nanje Gowda* was in favour of the scheme being retained.

11. *Mr. Anantha Kesavachar* wanted lands to be given to raiyats free.

12. *Mr. Chik Subba Rao* said that unless lantana extirpation was undertaken the whole of one hobli in Hunsur, namely Haranahalli, was in danger of becoming extinct.

*The Dewan* observed that this was a new question and would be noted.

*Reply of Government.*—Noted. Enquiries will be under-taken through the Committees.

SUBJECT No. 219.

Functions of the District Sanitary Officers.

Messrs. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga taluk, and Venkappaiah, Shimoga Municipality.

*Summary of discussion.*—The District Sanitary Officers have at present no control over funds and direct execution of work. They may be entrusted with the execution of sanitary works, the budget allotment provided therefor being transferred to them or the post may be abolished.

*Mr. Basaviah* observed that as these officers were not trained in Engineering, there was no use in entrusting the execution of sanitary works to them.

*Mr. B. Narasinga Rao* said that they could not be entrusted with executive duties and the advice they gave was often impracticable. The charges on account of their pay, batta, allowances, etc., were heavy.

*Mr. Anniah Pandit* was for increasing the number of Sanitary Inspectors so that each taluk could have one Inspector. He observed that these Sanitary Inspectors did more useful work under the orders of the Amildar than District Sanitary Officers.

*Mr. Hutchavire Gowda* stated that District Sanitary Officers could not be made independent executive officers but should continue to be subordinates of the Deputy Commissioner.

*Reply of Government.*—The whole question is under the consideration of Government. Some decision will be arrived at this year.

SUBJECT No. 220.

Cost of maintaining native vaidyasalas to be met from Village Improvement and District Funds whenever villagers contribute one-third of the cost.

Mr. C. R. Nanjundayya, Channapatna taluk.

*Note.*—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 221.

Pension to Pandits and Hakims.

Mr. K Ramanujengar, Gubbi taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—(*a*) The help now afforded by Government to indigenous vaidyasalas and unani institutions is very inadequate. Pandits and Hakims are not sufficiently encouraged inasmuch as their services are not pensionable. Pension rules may be made applicable to them.

(*b*) Arrangements may be made for the holding of a conference of Pandits and Hakims.

*Reply of Government.*—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 222.

An additional column in the village register of births and deaths for noting the name of the father or mother of the deceased.

Mr. C. Chennakesaviah, Chitaldrug taluk.

*Note.*—Not discussed owing to the absence of the proposer.

SUBJECT No. 223.

Mortuary return.

Mr. Subba Reddi, Kolar District Board.

*Summary of discussion.*—The mortuary returns prepared by the village patels may be ordered to be sent to the Amildar of the taluk.

*Reply of Government.*—Under consideration.

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SUBJECT No. 224.

English as a subject for Pandit's examination.

Messrs. Kodandarama Setti, Anantharajappa, and Anantalakshminaranappa, Tumkur taluk.

*Summary of discussion.*—The Pandit's examination may include in its curriculum a knowledge of English, at least up to the V Form so that the passed candidates